(f) and (g) No Sir. Doordarshan has a bouquet of 21 channels. While most of the other Doordarshan channels are committed to the Public Service Broadcasting thereby, fulfilling the obligations set forth, DD-2 (Metro Channel) has positioned itself as terrestrial/satellite entertainment channel and efforts are made to exploit its full commercial potential.

Amount spent for improvement in the level of Non-Prime-Time News

†2949. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent by Government for improvement in the level of non-prime-time news;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the expenditure incurred on the commissioned programmes given by Doordarshan; and

(d) the rate of remuneration paid for news reading on Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 3.24 crores was spent during 2000-2001 for overall improvement of news bulletins including non-prime-time news. These include expenditure on news feeds, sets, graphics, montage and stringers.

(c) An amount of Rs. 39 crores was spent during the year 2000-2001 on commissioning of News & Current Affairs programmes.

(d) The details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Fee structure of Newsreaders of Doordarshan

1.	For Prime Time 8.30 & 9.00 p.m. Bulletins	Rs. 1,200 per bulletin
2.	For other bulletins	Rs. 1,000 per bulletin

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

3.	For Regional bulletins (7.00 p.m.)	Rs. 800 per bulletin
4.	For Headlines	Rs. 500 per bulletin
5.	For Weather Reporting	Rs. 500 per bulletin
6.	For Voice-overs	Rs. 500 per bulletin

Channels Telecast by DD

2950. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different channels telecast by Doordarshan at present;

(b) the channels which the viewers can access directly with good reception without the help of cable operators;

(c) the reasons that viewers have to approach cable operators for viewing different channels; and

(d) whether it would not affect the fundamental right of viewers to receive uninterrupted flow of transmission?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Doordarshan is presently telecasting programmes on 21 (twenty one) channels [DD1, DD2, DD News, DD Sports, DD World, Gyan Darshan, eleven regional channels, and four state networks].

(b) Two channels telecast by Doordarshan, viz., DD1 and DD2, are transmitted in terrestrial mode also, and these can be received directly within the coverage zones of the respective transmitters, using simple antenna.

(c) Programmes of satellite channels that are not transmitted terrestrially can be received by using an appropriate dish antenna system, or through the Cable Network.

(d) No Sir.